

## EVILS OF THE PIT

The House Discusses the Bill at Length.

## MR. PILLSBURY ON THE STAND

He Says Short Selling is No More Necessary in Wheat Than in Real Estate or Dairy Products.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The silver question was brought up again this morning and this time it was in the hearing before the house committee on agriculture on the anti-option bill, which has been under discussion by the committee for the past two weeks.

Charles A. Pillsbury, the Minneapolis miller, was on the stand. He had stated in the course of his remarks that the world's surplus supply of wheat was steadily declining, and was being drawn on each year to meet the increasing consumption of wheat. He said that if one man owned the wheat crop raised in the United States this year it would have been possible to get \$1.50 a bushel for it from Europe just as easy as 50 cents, because Europe had to have it. Russia had none to export and India had shipped its surplus of previous years. In his address to the committee, Mr. Pillsbury advocated the passage of an anti-option bill. He said that the owners of the immense wheat fields of the northwest had less to say about the price of wheat than some young men howling prices on the Chicago exchange, who, perhaps, could not tell the difference between a grain of wheat and a grain of barley. He (Mr. Pillsbury) was one of the largest buyers of actual wheat, but his buying had less actual effect on prices than some one at the wheat pit whose office was in his hat. All persons agreed that the bucket shop should be wiped out. The difference between the bucket shop and the Chicago board of trade was that in the former 99 per cent of all sales were illegitimate and in the latter 90 per cent were illegitimate. He believed a bill could be drawn which would prohibit illegitimate dealings without interfering with legitimate dealings.

## MILLER'S SALES ARE DELIVERED.

It has been stated that the millers sold flour months ahead. That was true, but he would stake his reputation that 99 per cent of all flour sales were followed by deliveries. He had never known a speculative office of flour. Formerly millers kept large supplies of wheat and flour on hand, but they now recognize that it was hardly safe for a man to be "long" over night of a round lot of wheat unless he had contracts already made, for he could no longer reckon on the law of supply and demand. It seemed to him as plain as the rule of three, that the short selling of wheat would injure the farmers by depressing prices. The buyers of wheat in the lake zone of all actual wheat and in addition care for millions of bushels of wheat. The wind was just as heavy as actual wheat, and was no much more of a load to be carried.

Mr. Gifford, of Kansas, Ill., said that in a surplus-producing country no good effect could follow "short selling" for the "short" always wanted lower prices. England, being an importing country, had passed years ago a law against the sale of wheat, and America, being an exporting country, should pass a law to prevent a depression of prices that was contrary to the law of supply and demand. He thought the law should be so framed as to give the right to buy property for future delivery, and when delivery was contracted for, to sell these contracts either before or after delivery. He proposed a number of other modifications in the terms of the bill before the committee. The hearing will close tomorrow.

## Oppose Home Rule for Utah.

The house committee on territories gave a hearing this morning to the opponents of the proposed legislation to give local government or "home rule" to the territory of Utah, as proposed in the bill introduced by Mr. Caine, the delegate from that territory. The committee was addressed by O. W. Powers, representing what is known as the liberal party of Utah. That party, Mr. Powers said, was composed of democrats and republicans who for the time being had cast aside their national preferences, and had joined hands for the purpose of building up an American state in the mountains. It was because the Mormon people were honest and sincere that the liberal opposed the measure—the time not having come, in his opinion, for it.

## APPEAL TO THE COURTS.

Attorney General Wood Trying to Straighten Out the Kansas City Row.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 17.—Attorney General Wood is preparing to make a fight against the board of trade of Kansas City to prevent that body from violating the state grain inspection law. Not long ago a number of the grain handlers of Kansas City complained against the grades of the grain inspectors and declared that they would have their own inspection in the future. A force of inspectors was appointed and sent then the dealers have ignored the state inspection law and the inspectors charged with the enforcement. The railroad and warehouse commissioners, with Chief Inspector O'Brien, have been trying for a week to straighten out the trouble and now propose to let Attorney General Wood fight it out for them in the courts.

## DAMNED BY ICE.

Damage to the Allegheny River Threatens Serious Consequences.

PASADENA, Pa., Feb. 17.—The ice is bound to give trouble along the lowlands of the Allegheny river at this point. Two feet more of a riot will jump blocks of ice upon the main thoroughfare. The backwaters have raised the miles of jammed up ice over five feet today, and the water and ice in the channel are now more than twenty feet deep. The magnificent iron bridge at this point is only about twelve feet above the ice bed, while the lower portion of the town is level therewith.

Only freezing weather holds in check the floods which are bound to come from the fields of snow and ice at hand. The cold weather is freezing the snow of the new ground up in compacted whole, which will require high water to displace. The river has never attained such a threatening condition

as at present. The gorge at Parker has extended a long distance up the stream, damming up the Allegheny river completely. As far up as an eye can see, the river is a white wall of broken up ice packed in by millions of tons pressure. Business men are taking steps toward barricading their store fronts. The waterworks pumps are under water and the collars along the landing are filling up.

## STABBED WITH A PINKINIE.

Georgia Attorneys from Words Came to Blows.

MAISON, Ga., Feb. 17.—Hugo Polhill and Arthur Dasher, members of the Mason bar fought today. Polhill was out in several places by Dasher, and Dasher was knocked down. Dasher and Polhill, as commissioners, were taking testimony. During the hearing Polhill wrote the testimony in a manner unsatisfactory to Dasher, who insisted upon it being struck out. The two men engaged in a war of words, which terminated in Polhill being struck by Dasher in the face. Dasher drew a two-bladed pinkinie, and opening it made several dashes at his opponent. One cut made a gash on the left side of Polhill's nose, another made a cut on the forehead, a third was a stab in the right wrist and a fourth a stab on the head. Dasher was knocked down, but not otherwise hurt. When separated Polhill was bleeding profusely. A duel is expected to come out of the affair.

## FREE SILVER DOOMED.

Synonym Expects to Prevent Action at This Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—There is reason to believe that the free silver bill will not have a hearing in the house this session. It transpired this afternoon that the committee on rules intended to report a resolution before long, setting aside an early date for the consideration of the bill. Mr. Byrum of Indiana will at once offer an amendment postponing the date to some day next session. He believes that the votes of the anti-free silver men, together with those who, while favoring the silver, think it unwise for political reasons to spring the discussion now, will enable him to carry the resolution.

## Oakley Hall in Gotham.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Ex-Mayor A. Oakley Hall, who has been absent in London practicing law for several years, intends to remain in New York City. The ex-mayor's hair and mustache have grown white, but otherwise he looks the same as he did ten years ago and is as chatty and as witty as of old. He remarked: "Do I intend to return to England? Well, yes; but only for a time long enough to pick up the few odds and ends of my possessions, and then I shall return to New York to stay."

## Archduchess Marie III.

VIENNA, Feb. 17.—The Archduchess Marie Valerie, daughter of the emperor of Austria and wife of Archduke Francis Salvator of Austria and Tuscany, is dangerously ill with pneumonia. The archduchess on January 27 last gave birth prematurely to a daughter, and has been very weak ever since. Her condition today is so precarious that death may occur within the next twenty-four hours.

## Took a Life Partner.

BUDONVILLE, Feb. 17.—Editor Arthur Winchester of the Grand Rapids Suburban Herald, and junior partner in the Courier Journal and Daily Tribune of Grand Haven, has taken to himself another partner—the one for life—in the person of Miss Brock of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Winchester have the heartiest congratulations of a wide circle of friends.

## They Suspect Foul Work.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 17.—The easy manner in which Caddo won the last race of the maiden today caused the judges to decide all bets to stand until tomorrow. An investigation will be made. Nobody at the track overheard of the horse before. He was heavily backed here and in the pool rooms throughout the country.

## Will Settle for Thirty Cents on the Dollar.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 17.—At a meeting of the creditors of Darling Bros., who assigned a few days ago, the reported liabilities as \$120,000, and assets as \$39,519. The assignee's committee placed the assets at \$135,000. An offer of 30 cents on the dollar was accepted by a nearly unanimous vote.

## Curtis' Case is Closed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The defense in the trial of Actor Curtis for the murder of Officer Grant greatly surprised the prosecution today by the announcement that it rested its case. Testimony in the rebuttal will be offered tomorrow after which the arguments will commence.

## He Was Run Over.

JOSEPH CARR a boy 13 years old residing at No. 103 Second street was run over yesterday afternoon by a team on West Bridge street. He received severe wounds about the face and his hip was severely bruised. The ambulance was called and he was taken to his home.

## Will Demand Eight Hours.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters throughout the country will, on May 1, demand that eight hours constitute a day's work. They will strike where the concession is not made.

## General Alger Endorsed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 17.—The state endorsement of the G. A. R. adopted a resolution endorsing the record of Gen. Alger and scoring the New York Sun for the articles reflecting upon his military career.

## It Was Not Sold.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—President McCleod of the Reading railroad was seen tonight, and he denied emphatically that the Reading had been absorbed by the Baltimore & Ohio.

## No News from Child.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Chittina Minter Month had no news from Child in regard to the reported attempt to assassinate President Month at Valparaiso.

## Big Blaze in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—A big fire is raging on Canal street. One large dry goods store has gone and a whole block is likely to burn.

## ECHOES OF THE WAR

Gallant Old Veterans Fight Their Battles Over Again.

## REUNION OF THE OLD THIRD

They Meet to Meet Officers, Pay Honor to Their Dead Comrades and Enjoy Their Annual Banquet.

The "Old Third" held its annual reunion yesterday. In the afternoon a business meeting was held in the Center Guard armory on Front street. The visiting members were warmly welcomed by Judge Burlingame. Wm. Street of Carson City, then delivered an oration which was listened to with rapt attention to the close. The election of officers resulted in the following comrades being chosen:

President—Major L. T. Wilcox of Bay City.

Vice President—John A. Clark of St. Louis.

Secretary—Treasurer—W. H. Beasley of Ithaca.

St. Louis was chosen as the next place of meeting on the third Tuesday in February.

The following comrades were registered at the afternoon meeting: O. M. Rowland, Paw Paw; John McDaniel; C. H. Morse, Carson City; J. D. Hathaway, Grand Rapids; William Martin, Douglas; William Orr, Bravo; George Dibble, Flushing; A. R. Doyan, Sherrillsburg; C. H. Allen, Vickburg; T. L. Simkins, Soldiers' Home; W. A. Sweet, Carson City; Charles Harrington, Lewis; W. Bellinger, Adrian; Matthew Lewis, Addison; G. A. Cross, Lawrence; Adrian Yates, Grand Rapids; W. H. Locke, Belding; G. W. Clark, Grand Rapids; C. F. Peck, Bertram; W. W. Oliphant, Grand Rapids; John H. Askin, Kalamazoo; E. E. Tyler, Muskegon; George Allen, Owosso; Capt. Wm. Dunham, Grand Rapids; C. N. Curkendall, Stanton; D. C. Henderson, Allegan; D. A. Barnard, Owosso; H. R. Wells, Paw Paw; Maurice Bowler, Hastings; Ellis Ott, West Haven; M. A. Knutson, St. Johns; W. Fitzgerald, St. Johns; Am. Clark, Kalamazoo; Orville Hoadley, Cedar Springs; F. M. Caldwell, Kalamazoo; Willard Gay, St. Louis; E. Hamer, Bertram; W. E. Haymer, St. Louis; M. Kent, Sturgis; B. A. Simon, Grand Rapids; W. F. Wiseloge, Muskegon; George Cody, Allegan; L. G. Wilcox, Bay City; A. G. Sage, Rockford; G. C. Billings, Saugatuck; Isaac Wilson, Saugatuck; John Priest, Saugatuck; W. P. Critchman, Coral; J. F. Placerville, Brighton; S. G. Webster, Big Rapids; W. P. Montony, Big Rapids; A. J. Acker, Marquette; E. E. Nugent, Bay City; W. H. Hilliard, Grand Rapids; John P. Gos, Bangor; Wm. Eagle, Cadillac; R. S. Hines, Saranac; David Payne, Maple Rapids; James Lambie, Maple Rapids; Aaron Post, Soldiers' Home; Mortimer Culver, Allegan; W. E. Clark, Vernon; Chas. Griffin, Emmett; Wood, Bertram; B. C. Bryant, Bangor; W. A. Clark, Grand Rapids; Thomas W. A. Kalamazoo; B. M. Hurbert, Detroit; D. M. Wood, Lawton; E. W. Monroe, Schoolcraft; James Kilson, Hopkins; W. H. Whidden, Hastings; C. H. Goodrich, Kalamazoo; J. R. Taylor, Tomkins; Samuel Kead, Saugatuck.

## The Evening Banquet.

In the evening the old veterans gathered around the tables in the dining room of the Bridge street house and enjoyed a banquet. Many of them were accompanied by their wives and daughters. After a sumptuous repast had been served the time was spent with toasts and responses. Captain John J. W. Bryant, Bangor, W. A. Clark, Grand Rapids; Thomas W. A. Kalamazoo; B. M. Hurbert, Detroit; D. M. Wood, Lawton; E. W. Monroe, Schoolcraft; James Kilson, Hopkins; W. H. Whidden, Hastings; C. H. Goodrich, Kalamazoo; J. R. Taylor, Tomkins; Samuel Kead, Saugatuck.

## In the Supreme Court.

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 17.—A mandamus was granted today in the case of the Ovid Elevator company vs. The Secretary of State, and in Baldwin vs. St. Clair Circuit Judge. Cases heard: (99) Geo. T. Ashman vs. The Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad company; (101) Bert Welch, by next best friend, vs. Melvin Olmstead; (104) Hugh McCrory vs. Louise McCrory; (66) Zelia Pennington, administratrix, vs. The Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railway company, partially argued; No. 103 was affirmed in default. Today cases: 66, 100, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116.

## To Collect Delinquent Taxes.

LANSING, Feb. 17.—Attorney General Ellis is about to commence action against Bay county for arrears of state tax, the balance of which has been increasing since 1885, and which now amounts to nearly \$80,000. The Toledo and Ann Arbor railroad will also be very soon proceeded against for the collection of about \$40,000 specific tax for which they are delinquent covering a period of two years.

## Betrayed a Widow.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Feb. 17.—The breach of promise case against Matthew Barlow, a wealthy farmer, brought by Mrs. Jane Van Hynning, a prominent school teacher, was begun today. Mrs. Van Hynning testified that she was betrayed under a promise of marriage, and other sensational details were brought out. She is a widow with two little boys.

## Suicide of a Boy.

SAGINAW, Mich., Feb. 17.—Michael Dasher of Tittabawassee township, committed suicide by hanging himself to a ladder in his father's barn Sunday afternoon. He was only 13 years old. No cause is known for his rash act.

## Ionia's Veteran Candidates.

IONIA, Mich., Feb. 17.—Resolutions were adopted by Wm. H. Borden post this evening strongly urging the candidacy of Gen. J. H. Kidd for department commander of the Grand Army.

## Schaefer Will Play Skat.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Schaefer announced today he would play Skat on the three nights last proposed by the latter. The champion's proposition is that he will engage in the contest in New York for \$500 a side, the winner to take the entire gate receipts. Under the same conditions at Chicago he will allow Skat \$75 for expenses. The match cannot be played, however, until after the Schaefer-Deves game to be played here March 19 for the championship of the world.

## They Refuse to Talk.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—The Canadian ministers who have been in Washington discussing trade matters, Sir John Thompson, minister of justice; George Foster, minister of finance; McKenna Bowell, minister of militia and acting minister of customs, returned home today. Sir John Thompson declined to make any statement at present. Accounts published in American papers, he briefly explained, were as erroneous as possibly could be.

## WANTED A MANDAMUS.

CORPORATIONS CAN ENFORCE THEIR EXISTENCE WITHIN THE LIMITS.

LANSING, Feb. 17.—The Ovid Elevator company three years ago filed articles of association with the secretary of state which were duly filed and recorded. One of the articles limited the life of the corporation to three years. In January of this year amended articles were filed, the amendment consisting in changing the word "three" to

"thirteen." The secretary of state refused to file them upon the ground that the limit of its existence had expired, and under the laws of 1885 could not be amended except by filing new articles as provided in said act, and that the act with reference to amendments did not contemplate an extension of a corporate existence. The company applied to the supreme court for a mandamus compelling the secretary to receive them which was today granted, and the court announced that an opinion is of considerable importance to all corporations whose corporate existence is less than thirty years.

## FELL FROM HER PEDESTAL.

Daisy Hopkins, the Cambridge Feminist, fell for Being Drunk and Disorderly.

LANSING, Feb. 17.—Another popular girl fell to the ground and was carried today. Miss Daisy Hopkins, the "Cambridge Feminist" was seen today to arrive days' improvement in being drunk and disorderly and for using obscene language and assaulting the police. Daisy Hopkins will be remembered as the "harbinger" of the Cambridge spinning house outrage.

## PUPILS ON THEIR METTLE.

School Children Will Swell the World's Fair Fund.

LANSING, Feb. 17.—Prof. Hewitt, secretary of the educational committee to prepare the school exhibit at the World's Fair, has prepared a "Roll of Honor" blank, which he is sending to the teachers of all the schools in the state, upon which the pupils in each school subscribe for whatever sum they are inclined from money wholly their own earnings. These sheets, with the photograph showing the amount contributed, will be bound in volumes and exhibited at the fair, and will show to a certain extent the zeal of the scholars in making a creditable showing for Michigan at the fair. The fund so raised will be entirely apart from that heretofore provided for by penny collections.

## FOR NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Engineer Ballance Censured by the Company's Jury.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Feb. 17.—The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of neglect of duty against Frank Ballance, the G. W. & M. engineer who overpowered and killed Harris, the deaf dumb laborer, while walking on the train track in the yards here Monday. The jury was out thirty-six minutes. The brother of Mr. Harris left his mangled body. Mr. Ballance has the sympathy of a large circle of friends here. He is a young engineer and considered to be very competent and faithful.

## Lobby Gossip.

Will Wood of the Morton house received two exquisite water colors from London yesterday. One is a Lancashire scene by John England, representing the sunset boats on a misty morning, and the other is a view of Mount Dampion in Devonshire, painted by Leymas. Mr. Wood has a large and valuable collection of water colors.

## The Rev. W. A. Shier, pastor of the Palmer Memorial church at Detroit, breakfasted at the Morton yesterday.

He is president of the Bay View Camp Ground association and was on his way north to look after the condition of the grounds.

## George E. Sherman, bookkeeper for the Buson &amp; Lilley Lumber company at Lilley, registered at the Morton yesterday.

He was accompanied by his wife. N. B. Jones of Lansing, Alex. Dunton of Howard City and Frank Miller of Jonesville were among yesterday's arrivals at the Morton.

## Jay Clark of Detroit, R. A. State of Pottery and A. Clark of Lansing, were among the Michigan arrivals at Sweet's yesterday.

Medanee W. W. Cramer and P. A. Dugins of Cadillac, and Maria of Manistee, were guests at the Morton before evening.

## R. B. Kellogg of Lansing, W. J. Sheldon of Grand Haven, and C. W. Haddock of Reed City are at the New Livingston.

## L. G. Wilcox, postmaster at Bay City, is a guest at the Morton.

## He is in the city attending the session of the "Old Third."

## F. M. Lewis of Cleveland, agent for the Interstate Railroad Guide, was a guest at the New Livingston yesterday.

## P. B. Clark of Chicago, editor of the Review, a paper for horsemen, was a guest at the Morton yesterday.

## Wm. Lacey of Kalamazoo, G. D. Oile of Belding and E. M. Morry of Fenton are guests at Sweet's.

## Frank G. Row and H. G. George, Lansing insurance men, are registered at the Morton.

## D. F. Comstock, president of the Big Rapids National bank, is a guest at the Morton.

## R. C. Hunter, a prominent Muskegon attorney, dined at the Morton yesterday.

## C. E. Townsend and wife of Kalamazoo registered at Sweet's yesterday.

## A. W. Glubb, a Detroit railroad man, arrived at Sweet's last night.

## R. C. Viatt of the Great Northern road, is a guest at Sweet's.

## He Was a Social Leader.

EAT CLARK, Wis., Feb. 17.—Eugene L. Pond has for a long time been one of the most popular of the younger class of business men in this city—so

## DON WOULD LIKE IT

He'd Have a Governor from Western Michigan.

## THE EAST GETS ALL THE PLUMS

Known Dana "Confound Him"—His Attack on Alger Will Do Good.

"It seems to me," remarked Don C. Henderson, the veteran editor of the Allegan Journal, as he pulled his cap over one ear and felt slightly shiver in his vest pocket. "It seems to me"—and he seated down in one of the Morton's upholstered chairs—"that it's about time western Michigan came in for a share of the governorship. You take a copy of the Michigan Manual with you tonight when you secure yourself in the stilly recesses of your chamber, and see how long it has been since western Michigan furnished the governor. You may not get any sleep if you are persistent; but you will sleep if you are contented. The governorship has been grabbed by the elite class with astonishing regularity. Look at the names to being a resident of western Michigan of any governor we have had in years, and he wasn't within sight of the line. There is just as good talent in western Michigan as in the eastern part of the state, and there is no reason why it shouldn't be recognized occasionally."

Of course, if the convention wishes to nominate John T. Rich or any other eastern republican, I stand ready to take off my coat and work like a slave for him; but I should prefer to see a man nominated who belongs to my end of the state.

## His Own Preference.

Take D. F. Comstock, of Big Rapids, or Mr. Woodward, of Paw Paw. They are both good Republicans; both would make good governors, and either could easily swamp the present reform administration. There is another reason why western Michigan deserves the candidate. Where do the big republican majorities in this state come from? They certainly don't come from Eastern Michigan. There are a few counties there that give republican majorities; but the democratic majorities in other counties spoil the effect of them. When Michigan goes republican, it is because the western and northern part of the state gets to work and rolls up republican votes thicker than man and flies in June. As a reward for all this, the western men get the offices that the eastern men don't want."

## "What do you think of Dana's attack on Alger?" asked the reporter.

"Don't think but mighty little of it. It is very like Dana. I know him, condemn him, and he never misses an opportunity to use that scorpion pen of his on an adversary's private character. It isn't always necessary for Dana to have a motive before attacking any one either. Sometimes he goes at it on general principles. But he can't hurt Alger. Alger stands in the place of Logan so far as the affections of the soldiers are concerned, and it will require something more substantial than Dana's animosity ever to deprive him."

When the republican convention is held, the showing that General Alger will make will illustrate the beneficial effect of the attack. I really think it will do much towards strengthening Alger's candidacy."

## Three hours passed before anybody thought of going to the dark room in which the little girl was confined. Several knockers at the door failed to obtain a reply from the child, the door was opened and little Mary was seen lying dead under the time in the wall, her pretty curls covering her face, which was hanging downward, the body being upheld by the cruel string fastened around her arms and secured to the ring. When the bright curls were brushed away from the child's forehead, it was seen that her face was horribly discolored and distorted, and a further examination showed that poor little Mary was dead, having been choked to death. The house was soon alarmed and medical attendance was sent for, but all efforts to bring the child back to life proved fruitless.

## TARIFF BILL PROGRAM.

The Ways and Means Committee Unable to Complete its Work This Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Members Springer, Bryan and Turner, of the committee on ways and means, will not be able to present to the house this week their reports on the three tariff bills sanctioned by the house committee. Mr. Bryan has completed his report on the free binding twine bill and has submitted it to the members of the minority. Mr. Springer will not be able to finish his report this week. He is waiting the receipt from the census office of some statistics on which he wishes to comment. While no program for procedure on the three bills in the house has been arranged, it is probable that they will be called up in committee of the whole at an early day and discussion of the tariff in general be allowed to continue for a reasonable length of time. The democratic members of the ways and means committee will oppose discussion of the bills until the plan being that members may speak on each bill separately or on the general subject of the tariff, but that there shall not be a separate discussion of each bill in turn. When the bills come into the open house for action separate consideration will be in order, the free wool bill taking precedence. Representative Gust Wile, of Illinois, made a speech before the committee today on his bill to impose an income tax. Mr. Wile took the ground that an income tax would be necessary to make up any deficit that might occur in the treasury through decreased revenues.

## Managers Held Blame.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 17.—Consumer Hanker had expected to return his verdict today in the matter of the late surgical institute fire, but was deterred by the fact that the stenographer failed to complete the transcript of the testimony.

The coroner has made up his mind as to what the verdict will be. He will, it is understood, condemn the institute management from the charge of not taking proper precautions in the way of providing apparatus for fighting fire, and from the charge that proper means of escape in case of fire was not provided. If there is any verdict at all it will be of the employees who were on duty the night of the fire.

## Cut Off the Wire.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 17.—Fire which broke out at 1:30 this morning caused \$100,000 damage to the stock of Mrs. A. E. Sloan, milliner, at No. 315 Main street. Mrs. Sloan, her mother and young son were rescued with difficulty from the third floor of the building. In attempting to rescue the imprisoned inmates the firemen cut off the Western Union wire running to the north and east and shut them off from the rest of the world for a time.

which caused a social leader, member of a church, to be killed. The fire was caused by a few sparks from a gas stove which had been left burning. A woman named Sloan, a woman composed of gold, silver and brass, Buffalo county, Kentucky, was rescued by the firemen, and then a statement was called for.

After negotiations had failed a compromise was made yesterday. Frank Henderson, who was a member of the Morton house, was offered to settle the matter.

The second Mrs. Sloan and family and a brother of Gen. Henderson, the well known congressman and owner of the National Bank.

## MURDERED NEW CHILD.

Last Mother's Daughter is Ronger at the Morton.

BENTON, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Anna Margaret Montague, daughter of Last Mother's Daughter, was committed for trial at Oronoco this morning on the charge of causing the death of her three-year-old daughter, Mary Helen Montague. The bare details of the affair are known at present, as the greatest effort have been made to keep the matter secret and to shield the family, but the crime is of such a shock nature that the certain, neighbors and others insisted that justice should be done, and there seems to be a present that a lady of the Montague family may meet death at the hangman's hands.

It seems that the poor child had been badly used by its governess in addition to being the object of the hatred of its mother. In fact, the harsh action of the governess seems to have led up to tragedy. The latter it seems, for some childish escapade, locked the little girl up in a dark room as a punishment, and then informed the mother, Mrs. Montague, of the child's offense and of the punishment she had meted out to her for it. The mother appears to have become so enraged at her daughter's conduct that she resolved to punish her still more severely, and, going to the dark room in which the child had been confined by the governess, Mrs. Montague and her baby daughter's arms behind her back with some stout string which cut deeply into the child's tender limbs and then not satisfied with this severe treatment, she connected the end of this string about the child's arms to a ring in the wall, half strangled her up and half fastening her to the wall, in order, apparently, to prevent her from moving about while she was under punishment. The child cried piteously to be released, promising, with heart-rending sobs, never to offend again; but the mother's heart was steeled against her baby's prayers for mercy. After the mother left the poor child's cries grew fainter and then ceased entirely.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 17.—Consumer Hanker had expected to return his verdict today in the matter of the late surgical institute fire, but was deterred by the fact that the stenographer failed to complete the transcript of the testimony.